GOVERNMENT BILL

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2003

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): Sir, with your permission, and on behalf of Shri L. K. Advani, the hon. Deputy Prime Minister, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1972.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A JOINT COMMITTEE ON SAFETY STANDARDS FOR SOFT DRINKS

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): Sir, with your permission, I beg to move the following motion:

'That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that a Joint Committee of the Houses consisting of 15 Members, 10 from Lok Sabha and 5 Members from Rajya Sabha be constituted to report:

(i) whether the recent findings of Centre of Science and Environment (CSE) regarding pesticide residues in soft drinks are correct or not.

(ii) To suggest criteria for evolving suitable safety standards for soft drinks, fruit juice and other beverages where water is the main constituent.

as made in the motion adopted by the Lok Sabha on the 22nd August, 2003 and communicated to this House on the 22nd August, 2003, and resolves that this House do join in the said Committee, and do appoint the following 5 Members from among the Members of this House to serve on the said Committee.

(1) Shri S. S. Ahluwalia

(2) Shri Prithviraj Chavan

(3) Shri Sanjay Nirupam
(4) Shri Prem Chand Gupta
(5) Shri Prasanta Chatterjee".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

REQUEST REGARDING PRIVATE MEMBER'S BUSINESS

SHRI N. JOTHI (Tamil Nadu): Sir, no Member from South India is in this panel.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): From that side.

SHRI N. JOTHI: Here also, you should have.

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: No, no, it is only ten and five.

SHRI N. JOTHI: Among the five, we can have one or two from South India. All of them are from North India only.

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI (TAMIL NADU) : Sir, I have got a small submission.The entre House knows the ground reality. Our learned colleagues are not here for the Private Members' Business. Those who wanted to introduce the Bill, those who wanted to discuss the Bill, are not here. What I feel is that, his Private Members' Business may be taken up in the next Session. If the Chairman and the House so desires, the House may be adjourn *sine die.*

VALEDICTORY REMARKS

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon. Members the Monsoon Session of Rajya Sabha had begun on 21st July. Thanks to the kindness of God of rains, monsoon this year has been largely very satisfactory and has brought much needed relief and cheer especially to the drought-affected areas. It has also brightened the prospects of better economic growth.

In this Session, substantial Legislative Business was conducted; in all, 15 Bills were passed, including two constitution Amendment Bills. The Bills passed also included important ones like the CVC Bill, the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill, the Election and Other Related Laws (Amendment) Bill and the NABARD (Amendment) Bill,. Enactment of these legislations would go a long way in imporving institutional and